WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1. A system for recording media content and for generating media

2   representations, the system comprising:

3   an extraction module for extracting of media content from a media receiver;

4   an output device for generating a media representation of media content extracted

5   from the media receiver, the output device being coupled to the extraction

6   module; and

7   a media transfer interface for permitting communication between the output

8   device and the media receiver, the media transfer interface being coupled

9   to the media receiver.

1   2. The system of claim 1, further comprising media content recognition software

2   for recognizing features in media content.

1   3. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises speech recognition software.

1   4. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises optical character recognition software.

1   5. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises face detection software.

1   6. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises speaker detection software.

1   7. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises keyframe selection software.

1   8. The system of claim 2, wherein the media content recognition software further

2   comprises face recognition software.

1   9. The system of claim 1, further comprising processing logic for controlling

2   display of a user interface, wherein the user interface permits the user to control actions

3   of the output device.

1   10. The system of claim 1, further comprising processing logic for controlling the

2   generation of a media representation.

1   11. The system of claim 1, further comprising a storage medium for storing

2   media representations in electronic format.

1   12. The system of claim 1, wherein the media representation generated by the

2   output device is stored on a digital storage medium.

1   13. The system of claim 1, further comprising one or more user interaction

2   devices that permit the user to interact with the printer and control the printer's actions,

3   wherein the user interaction devices are external to the printer.

1   14. The system of claim 1, wherein the media representation is generated in paper

2   format that includes at least one user-selectable identifier allowing a user to access and

3   control media content.

1   15. The system of claim 14, wherein the at least one user-selectable identifier

2   comprises at least one barcode printed on the media representation.

1   16. The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one barcode further comprises at

2   least one record barcode that can be scanned to record an associated media program.

1   17. The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one barcode further comprises at

2   least play barcode that can be scanned to play an associated media program.

1   18. The system of claim 14, wherein the at least one user-selectable identifier

2   comprises at least one numerical identifier which the user can type into an external device

3   to access and control media content.

1   19. The system of claim 1, wherein the media representation is a document

2   displaying scheduling information for media programs.

1   20. A method for recording media content and for generating media

2   representations, the method comprising:

3   extracting media content from a media receiver;

4   generating a media representation of the media content; and

5   communicating with a media receiver through a media transfer interface, wherein

6   an output device communicates with the media receiver.

1   21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the output device using media

2   content recognition techniques to recognize media content extracted from the media

3   receiver.

1   22. The method of claim 20, further comprising the output device sending

2   commands to the media receiver to control actions of the media receiver.

1   23. The method of claim 20, further comprising scheduling actions of the media

2   receiver to occur at predefined times.

1   24. The method of claim 23, wherein scheduling actions further comprises

2   scheduling generation of a media representation, wherein the generation is scheduled to

3   occur at user-defined time periods.

1   25. The method of claim 24, wherein scheduling generation of a media

2   representation further comprises entering scheduling preferences into a profile that

3   controls actions of the output device which controls actions of the media receiver.

1   26. The method of claim 20, wherein generating a media representation further

2   comprises generating a schedule representation of a list of media programs, wherein the

3   schedule representation includes specific information about each media program.

1   27. The method of claim 26, wherein generating a schedule representation of a

2   list of media programs further comprises formatting the schedule representation based on

3   a pre-defined user preferences profile.

1   28. The method of claim 26, wherein generating a schedule representation of a

2   list of media programs further comprises updating the generated schedule representation

3   to include current schedule information.

1   29. The method of claim 26, wherein generating a schedule representation of a

2   list of media programs further comprises:

3   setting a media display to a channel that includes a schedule display showing

4   media program scheduling information; and

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5   performing optical character recognition on the schedule display of the media

6   display to read schedule information content and generate a representation

7   of the schedule display.

1   30. The method of claim 26, wherein generating a schedule representation of a

2   list of media programs further comprises searching for specific user-defined features

3   within the media content and displaying search results.

1   31. The method of claim 20, further comprising monitoring commands from an

2   external interface, wherein the commands include a request to generate a media program

3   schedule representation with user-defined parameters.

1   32. The method of claim 20, further comprising monitoring commands from an

2   external device, wherein the commands include a request to update an internal table that

3   stores the association between user-selectable identifiers printed on the media

4   representation and the actions that can be executed on the output device in response to

5   those user-selectable identifiers.

1   33. The method of claim 20, further comprising recording media content and

2   storing the media content on a storage medium, wherein the stored media content can be

3   played in response to commands received from an external device interface.

1   34. The method of claim 20, further comprising a web server with a common

2   gateway interface for controlling the schedule for recording and playing of media

3   content.

1   35. The method of claim 20 wherein generating a media representation further

2   comprises printing media schedule information in a paper-based format.

1   36. The method of claim 35, further comprising selecting a user-selectable

2   identifier on the paper-based format of the media schedule information to record the

3   associated media program.

1   37. The method of claim 35, further comprising selecting a user-selectable

2   identifier on the paper-based format of the media schedule information to play the

3   associated media program.

1   38. The method of claim 26, further comprising updating a database that stores

2   current schedule information and associated user-selectable identifier information.

1   39. The method of claim 26, further comprising advancing a schedule display,

2   wherein advancing the schedule display comprises:

3   capturing a first frame of the current schedule display on a schedule channel;

4   sending a command to the media receiver to advance the schedule display on the

5   schedule channel;

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6   capturing a second frame of the advanced schedule display on the schedule

7   channel; and

8   comparing the first frame to the second frame to determine if the schedule has

9   changed and the schedule display should be advanced .